

Georgia on February 6: Senator Richard G. Lugar (head of delegation); Richard J. Miles; Paul V. Applegarth; and Lorne W. Craner.

The President announced his designation of former Presidents George Bush and William J. Clinton as members of the Presidential delegation to visit tsunami-affected countries of South and Southeast Asia including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Maldives on February 19–21.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, debris flows, and mudslides on December 27, 2004, through January 11, 2005.

Transcript: Interview of the First Lady by ABC News

Transcript: Interview of the First Lady by CBS News

Transcript: Interview of the First Lady by NBC News

### ***Released February 2***

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the appointment of Elliott Abrams as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Global Democracy Strategy, and that Faryar Shirzad will continue to serve in an expanded role as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economic Affairs

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Hawaii

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to West Virginia

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Utah

Fact sheet: Ensuring Justice and Fairness for All Americans

Fact sheet: Helping America's Youth

Fact sheet: The State of the Union

Excerpts: State of the Union

Advance text: State of the Union

Policy Book: Strengthening Social Security for the 21st Century

### ***Released February 3***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Setting the Record Straight: Participants Get 100% of Their Personal Retirement Accounts, Both Principal and Interest

### ***Released February 4***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

### ***Submitted January 31***

Michael Chertoff,  
of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, vice Thomas J. Ridge, resigned.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

### ***Released January 31***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

### ***Released February 1***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan